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**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 5 as follows:

"To this end, the present invention provides for a hydrogen storage material as defined in the preamble comprising a magnesium-containing intermetallic compound, which is characterized in that the intermetallic compound comprises an alloy of magnesium and a trivalent metal selected from the group of Sc, Y, La, and the rare earth metals."

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 26 as follows:

"If the presence of e.g. palladium in the alloy is desired, then Cc0.96Pd0.04 is used as a starting material instead of pure scandium."

Please add the following paragraph beginning on page 6, line 24 as follows:

"While the embodiments of the invention disclosed herein are presently considered to be preferred, various changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. The scope of the invention is indicated in the appended claims, and all changes that come within the meaning and range of equivalents are intended to be embraced therin."

Please amend the Abstract as attached hereto.